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COMMUNISTS REPLY General Marshall Accepted As Mediator

CHUNGKING, JAN. 4. CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE ACCEPTED GENERAL SIMO CHANG KAI-SHEK'S OFFER TO CALL IN GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, AMERICAN SPECIAL ENVOY TO CHINA, AS MEDIATOR IN THE NATION'S CIVIL STRIFE. COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES HERE ANNOUNCED THEY AGREED IN GENERAL WITH CHANG'S PLAN TO HALT HOSTILITIES, BUT THAT THEY WERE LAYING DOWN SPECIFIC CONDITIONS.

THE FORMAL COMMUNIST REPLY FROM YENAN WAS HANDED TO DELEGATES AT THE THIRD FORMAL MEETING WITH CHINESE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES SINCE THEY FIRST GOT TOGETHER ON DEC. 21.

Chou En-lai, leader of the Communist delegation, attended the conference after a half hour conference with General Marshall. He had previously conferred with General Marshall on New Year's Day.

The principal Communist objection to the Government's proposals is believed to be on the clause providing for restoration of railway facilities. The Communists have expressed no feeling on that point, but Chinese quarters in close touch with them say they fear that if railway communications are restored, the Government, despite undertakings to the contrary, might try to move troops along the rail lines.

The Communists, it is predicted, will stand firm for unconditional cessation of hostilities before the restoration of rail communications and other questions are discussed.

MANY RUMOURS (It was noted that in an Associated Press dispatch from Yen-an yesterday, in which the Communists said "We will discuss favourably every suggestion designed with the immediate cessation of civil war in China and the establishment of unity and democracy," they did not mention the rail issue but did make numerous accusations about Government troops continuing their offensive actions in the north.)

The atmosphere in Chungking is thick with rumours and suspicions. Communist leaders believe that the Government intends to get a solid grip on Communist-dominated Jehol province before the unity conference opens on Jan. 10.

They attribute to the Government diabolical plots and schemes. The latest charge is that the Government has been showing down Communist communications between Chungking and Yen-an so as to delay matters and thereby give more time to the Nationalists to try to dislodge Communists from Jehol. The Communists say

the Government is employing 225,000 troops against Jehol.

The Communist charge is at least partly based on resentment over the fact that all their radio communications with Yen-an have to go through a radio station operated by the Ministry of War.

The Communists are seeking permission to operate their own radio communications between Chungking and Yen-an, particularly during the unity conference.

The predominant feeling in Chungking to-day is that even if cessation of hostilities is achieved, it has but slight chance of being accomplished before the conference gets under way.

The whole situation is as delicate as it is complex. The Communists are in a position where, if they wish, they can refuse to attend the conference unless the Nationalists stop their drive against Jehol, but no one thinks they will do so far. Nevertheless, the existence of this and other potentialities makes it quite clear that the two sides are not travelling along a path strewn with roses.

Some quarters in Chungking, who have maintained a steady pessimism in the face of alternating currents of optimism and pessimism which have been running through the country since General Marshall was assigned to China as President Truman's special envoy, say that the whole situation to-day is no better than it was six weeks ago, when it was bad.

According to Chinese newspapers, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is chairman of the unity conference, will be too busy to attend all its sessions. It is reported that whenever the generalissimo is precluded from attending, Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, will serve in his place. Sun Fo is one of the eight Government delegates to the conference.—Associated Press.

Advance In Manchuria

YENAN, JAN. 4. COMMUNIST REPORTS STATE THAT GOVERNMENT ARMIES ARE ADVANCING INTO MUKDEN AND SECURING THEIR LEFT FLANK BY CUTTING THE COMMUNIST-HELD RAIL LINES IN SOUTH-WEST MANCHURIA.

Reviewing the military situation, Eighth Route Army headquarters said that three divisions of Chiang Kai-shek's 62nd Army and two divisions of the 13th Army have occupied Pechen and Hsienan in West Liaoning province.

A sixth division was said to have taken the Isten rail junction on the Peiping-Mukden rail

line on December 29 and attacked Tsinghomen. The offensive which the Communists say constitutes an extension of the civil strife, appeared aimed at pinching off the Communist rail communications between Peiping in Jehol and Shing-tan in Liaoning, both of which are reported to be under attack.

The Communists assert that the entire area is one that they liberated from the Japanese, and consequently it should remain unmolested. They describe the entire situation as "very serious," particularly since the attacks began after President Truman's demand for peace in China.

The Communists said the Government troops' offensive could be interpreted as a step towards disarming the Japanese in North China.

In the Inner Mongolian area, dominated by the key rail cities of Kwei-sui and Paotow and Taining, the forces of Chiang Kai-shek have shown on the march again, the Communists said. Taking instant advantage of the Communist withdrawal from these cities "in the interest of peace," the Communists charged, Chungking troops have swept along the Paotow-Taining railway within a few miles of Taining.

To the east, they added, the government has assembled three armies totalling 80,000 men in the area, formed by Peiping, Kueichow and Nanking units and reinforcements still are arriving.—Associated Press.

Holding Out

Tokyo, Jan. 4. Still more illegal military equipment has been found by occupation troops.

Japanese civilian concerns in an outgoing prefecture on Honshu were discovered to have 35 Japanese army trucks and 26 tanks in various stages of repair and some meteorological equipment.—Associated Press.

Macao Boat Aground

PROMPT ACTION BY A NAVAL PATROL BOAT YESTERDAY PREVENTED WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TRYING TIME TO SOME 140 PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE KIN HWA, A SMALL MOTOR BOAT PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAO.

While on patrol the naval craft intercepted an S.O.S. message at about 6 p.m. The message was sent by the No. 3 Commando station on Lantau Island, where the boat had run aground.

Two naval patrol boats proceeded at once to the distressed ship, which was leaking badly at the bow. It had run aground in shallow water.

The passengers were transferred to the naval craft and landed at Hong Kong last night.

Tragedy In Harbour

A THREE-YEAR OLD BABY WAS DROWNED LAST NIGHT WHEN AN AMERICAN NAVAL MOTOR-BOAT RAMMED A SAMPAO OPPOSITE THE TUNG ON WHARF AT ABOUT 8.30 P.M.

At the time of the mishap there were 11 persons, including two sailors on the sampao. The sampao was capsized by the impact, throwing all the occupants into the water.

The master and mistress of the sampao suffered shock from immersion and were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital. One of the American passengers in the sampao suffered more serious injuries and his condition was believed to be critical. He was also taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

Launch Fire

Severe damage was caused yesterday to the steam launch "Long Kau," lying alongside the Luen Chung Wharf, next to the Vehicular Ferry Wharf, when fuel oil aboard caught fire, shooting up pillars of flame that were visible from Kowloon.

An appliance from the Central Fire Station was summoned at 6.54 p.m. and a fire boat was also rushed to the scene. The fire was brought under control in 22 minutes.

The "Long Kau" is a steam launch of 45 tons.

SLIM SUMMERVILLE GRAVELLY ILL

Laguna Beach, Calif., Jan. 4. George (Slim) Summerville, film comedian, was reported seriously ill to-day after suffering a second stroke in recent weeks.—Associated Press.

THE AGE OF SCIENCE

London, Jan. 4. Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, yesterday urged broader facilities for expanding British scientific research.

"We must not repeat the folly committed after the last war by slowing down our drive in scientific research," he told the Imperial College Science Society.—Associated Press.

STORY CURIUSER AND CURIUSER

ADOLF HITLER'S SECRET PAPERS REVEALED TO-NIGHT THAT "IMPORTANT ENGLISH CIRCLES" CONVEYED A PEACE FEELER TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF RUDOLF HESS A MONTH BEFORE HESS FLEW TO ENGLAND AND CAPTIVITY FIVE YEARS AGO ON A VAIN MISSION TO END THE GERMAN-BRITISH WAR.

DR. ALBRECHT HAUSHOFER, HESS'S INTIMATE ADVISER, SAT DOWN AT OBERZALLBURG ON MAY 12, 1941, WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER HIS FRIEND'S DEPARTURE, AND WROTE THE FOLLOWING FULL ADMISION OF HIS OWN ROLE IN PEACE OVERTURES WITH, HE SAID, A PROMINENT SWISS OFFICIAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AS INTERMEDIARY.

This 1,400-word confidential report which is in possession of the allied intelligence, listed more than a dozen names of "notable" Britons, mostly titled, with whom Haushofer believed approach might be possible.

The report stated that Haushofer as early as September 1940 wrote a letter to the Duke of Hamilton at Hess's request in an attempt to establish "contact."

It attributed to a "moderate group in England" a readiness in April 1941 to talk peace on a three-point basis:

Recognition of Britain's paramount interest in Greece but only nominal interests elsewhere in eastern and south-eastern Europe.

Restoration of occupied western Europe and confinement of German colonial demands to former German territory, and

Modification of Italian demands.

Haushofer was executed in Berlin by the Gestapo last year for possible implication in the July 20 bomb plot against Hitler and a new secret negotiation through Swiss channels, according to deposition taken from German witnesses by Doctor Edmund A. Walsh, Vice-President of Georgetown University.

DEATH WARRANT

In effect, Haushofer's 1941 report to Hitler was his future death warrant. It marked him in the Gestapo records as having "sympathetic feeling and contact with English."

Entitled academically "English Connections and the Possibility of their Employment," the report warned Hitler "this controversy with Hitlerism is regarded by the masses of the English people as nothing less than a religious war, with all the fanatical psychological effects of such an attitude. If there is anyone in London eager for peace then it is the element of plutocracy, while the foreign, above all the Jewish element, already has effected a junction with America and the Dominions.—Associated Press.

Wicked Lady Is Wicked

LONDON, JAN. 4. THE AMERICAN BEST-SELLER NOVEL, "FOREVER AMBER," HAS A BRITISH RIVAL AND IT'S A QUESTION WHICH OF THEM WILL BRING BLUSHES TO MORE CHEEKS.

Bedroom scene for bedroom scene, the heroine of Kathleen Winsor's American novel has the edge in naughtiness, but Britain's Lady Barbara Skelton displays additional talents for murder and highway robbery.

Portrayed by dark, lovely Margaret Lockwood, she does those things in a new British movie, "The Wicked Lady," a rip-roaring Restoration costume piece full of snuffing low-cut negligees and sprinkled with racy dialogue.

The conversation on such subjects as wedding nights is so racy, in fact, that several lines were "faded out" to prevent the first night audience—which included Queen Mary—from hearing them. An unfaded version is being shown now in a racy audience. Now America and other film

R.A.F. DAKOTA DOWN IN SEA: THREE MISSING

The Weather

To-day's forecast:—North to north-easterly winds, mainly fair to fine.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum:—61 degrees at 3 p.m. Minimum:—54 degrees at 8 a.m.

R.A.F. PLANES AND UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY ARE SCOURING THE SEAS FOR THREE MISSING OCCUPANTS OF AN R.A.F. DAKOTA WHICH CRASHED INTO THE SEA IN THE VICINITY OF HAINAN ISLAND SHORTLY AFTER 9 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING. SIX OTHERS ON BOARD ARE SAFE.

THE DAKOTA, WHICH LEFT KAI TAK FOR SAIGON AT 7.10 YESTERDAY MORNING, CARRIED A CREW OF FOUR AND FIVE PASSENGERS. FIRST INDICATION THAT ANYTHING WAS AMISS ON BOARD THE CRAFT CAME AT 9.06 A.M. WHEN A DRAMATIC S.O.S. MESSAGE FROM THE PLANE WAS PICKED UP IN HONG KONG.

The message said the plane was running on only one of her two engines but that she hoped to make Samsu.

This was the last message received from the ill-fated plane which shortly afterwards crashed into the sea somewhere off Hainan Island.

Two destroyers and a frigate were rushed to the scene from Hong Kong directly news of the disaster was received, while a third naval vessel, a sloop, which was in the area, was diverted by radio to the vicinity.

Three R.A.F. Sunderland flying-boats and two Dakotas took off from Hong Kong to join in the search but all the planes returned without having sighted either the wreckage or survivors.

CLINGING TO DINGHY

It fell to the Navy to pick up six survivors. News of the rescue was received in the Colony at 9 p.m. from the destroyer H.M.S. "Tenacious."

"Tenacious" wireless that she had picked up six of the occupants who were clinging to a rubber dinghy. The destroyer was guided to the scene by flares fired by the survivors.

"Tenacious" carries an M.O. and excellent sick bay facilities. Naval units are continuing the search for the three missing, and R.A.F. planes were expected to be sent out from Kai Tak again during the night.

TO HELP MACARTHUR

Washington, Jan. 4. Seven government officials and a university professor proceeded by plane from San Francisco for Tokyo to assist General MacArthur in the allied economic control policy in Japan.

The group, headed by Corwin D. Edwards of the State Department, includes Robert M. Hunter, Ohio state university law professor, Robert B. Hawkins, federal trade commission, Benjamin B. Williams, tariff commission. The group will submit a report in about three months.—Associated Press.

Notorious Gangster Killed In Escape Bid

MACAO, JAN. 4. WONG KOON-KIT, NOTORIOUS CHINESE GANG LEADER WHO WAS SUSPECTED OF PIRACY, PLUNDER, MURDER AND COOPERATION WITH THE JAPANESE, WAS KILLED HERE LAST NIGHT IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM POLICE CUSTODY. HE WAS KILLED ALMOST INSTANTLY BY POLICE GUNFIRE.

WONG KOON-KIT WAS ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS WARTIME CHARACTERS OF MACAO. CRIME AND INTRIGUE WERE ATTRIBUTED TO HIS WELL-ARMED GANG BY THE AUTHORITIES, BUT HE REMAINED FREE UNTIL CHINESE GUERRILLAS OR COMMUNISTS LURED HIM ASHORE AND CAPTURED HIM WITH SEVERAL OF HIS HENCHMEN LAST MONTH AT PO ON, NORTH OF HONG KONG.

He had left Macao after being wounded in a set-to with Portuguese police in the war's final days. The incident followed a tense period when Wong Koon-kit had machine-gun set up in his Macao residence.

The Chinese captors negotiated with the Macao authorities and eventually turned the fugitive over to them and his trial had been awaited here with great expectancy.

The anti-Japanese guerrillas—often labelled Communists—who captured Wong Koon-kit announced recently that he and his aides "were to be sentenced to death," but at the same time they announced that the little band was being turned over to the Macao authorities.

U.S. BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Washington, Jan. 4. The Government looks to the new year for a flood of new consumer goods, which so far have attained only half the expected volume. Some officials predicted that by mid-year civilian output will hit a rate equal to the boom year of 1940, which was well above the pre-war year of 1939.—Associated Press.

TWO YEARS' EXTENSION

New York, Jan. 4. The British Radio has announced that the Soviet Union and Finland have signed an agreement granting Finland a two-year extension for her payments of war damages to Russia. Finland may now take over instead of five years to settle the matter.—Associated Press.

Censorship boards will react to an unanswered question since "The Wicked Lady"—one of the most aptly titled movies in years—has not yet been exported.—Associated Press.

GOING BEGGING

Montevideo, Jan. 4. The executor of Mrs. Teresa Engelbrecht, Goden's estate has asked the newspapers to help him persuade the government to take \$70,000. In a letter to the papers, he said Mrs. Goden left the sum to the government to be used for hospitals but "for four months all efforts to get the government to accept the money have been fruitless."—Associated Press.

DARING RAILWAY ROBBERY

RELATED REPORTS FROM CANTON TELL OF A DARING ROBBERY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE CANTON-YUENAN SECTION OF THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY, IN WHICH 50 BANDITS GOT CLEAN AWAY WITH A HAUL ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN MONEY, JEWELLERY AND GOODS.

It appears that the usual passenger train with four coaches packed to full capacity left Yuenan at 5 p.m. for Canton; and about an hour's journey out the train was brought to a sudden halt as the result of the derailment of the firewood tender. The bandits who were lying in wait at this point immediately opened fire with machine guns and revolvers and the passengers were thrown into a panic.

All the passengers were ordered to alight and they were stripped of their money and belongings. The bandits then made a thorough overhaul of all the goods and luggage on the train, after which they beat a leisurely retreat.

It was then found that the rails had been loosened at this point, and as the train could not proceed owing to the derailment of the firewood tender, a message was got through to Canton and the passengers were brought to Canton by a relief train the next morning.

MACAO. SHAKES JAP. CABINET

TOKYO, JAN. 4. THE SHIDEHARA CABINET CALLED AN EMERGENCY SESSION FOR 10.00 A.M. TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE DRASTIC ALLIED DIRECTIVE TO PURGE THE CABINET OF JAPANESE WHO LED JAPAN INTO THE WAR.

There is no indication as yet that the new policy decreed by Gen. MacArthur would cause the cabinet to fall, but five members may be subject to removal on the basis of the terms of the directive.

Tokyo newspapers interpret the Allied Headquarters move to give Japan new leaders. The "Yomiuri Shimbun" declared that Allied Headquarters have found it necessary to leave such a directive because the cabinet is not acting on its own initiative.

An editorial contended that the cabinet must take action voluntarily.

The "Yomiuri" said that the Emperor should give attention to the problem of new leadership for the country and initiate remedial steps before the government is nudged by the allied command.

The cabinet, set to-day with-out Shidehara—who is ill with a cold. It announced that the directive was not received in time to be translated for its meeting. Instead the Ministers discussed the national budget.—Associated Press.

BANKING PROSPERITY

Washington, Jan. 4. United States banks entered 1946 with increased deposits, low interest rates and plans for financing reconstruction and consumer purchases. Banks of credit and exchange associations predicted continuing financial prosperity.—Associated Press.

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MARRIAGE

The marriage will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on January 10, 1946, of Miss Christine Corra, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. Corra, and Mr. B. S. Sanders, R.M., son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Sanders, of Chislehurst, Kent, England.

THE HAWKER PROBLEM

The complaint of a correspondent about the clutter of hawkers about the streets of Hong Kong and Kowloon raises an issue that has long needed ventilation. For obvious reasons, when there are no checks or restraints, obstructions by street vendors are particularly bad in the immediate vicinity of the Colony's principal thoroughfares. Such obstructions should, however, be relatively easy to deal with. They form but a small part of the bigger problem which is much less easy of solution. It is, of course, one of the legacies of trouble left in the wake of the Japanese occupation. When Hong Kong fell thousands of Chinese found themselves deprived in a night of their means of livelihood, and in the next three years the Colony's economy was reduced to the degree usually described as "the taking in of each other's washing." Many thousands made their way back to the country. Those who stayed behind eked out an existence as best they could, selling their trinkets, their furniture, finding an odd job now and again, or they collaborated. Inevitably, those with a few resources found the career of hawker the readiest solution. During the Japanese occupation, a remarkable array of professions and trades contributed their quota to the hawker fraternity. In fact, it is a permissible exaggeration to state that practically every other man had to become a hawker or a "broker" to get by. Many of them have, since the return of the Colony to British administration, been able to return to their old jobs, but the number of hawkers in ratio to the population is still extremely large, probably four or five times as great as pre-war, and large enough to constitute a public nuisance. Steps are being taken to re-establish the system of licensing hawkers, and that, together with steps to prevent obstruction of the main thoroughfares, offers the only final remedy. It is, however, likely to be a long process, the sorting out of those to be granted licences and those to be refused, and the process of reduction of numbers is one which should, in any case, in the special circumstances, be undertaken carefully and progressively. Economic conditions have not yet improved to the extent where ruthless elimination is justified or desirable. What can and should be done immediately, however, is the institution of some measure of control of vendors who set up stalls on pavements, across roadways, on busy corners, in such a way as to create a serious nuisance. While the authorities are about it they can, at the same time, send the ricksha coolies back to their rinks, and allot more appropriate waiting places for bicyclists and tricyclists. We were discussing law without order in these columns a few days ago. These are just a few minor, but nonetheless important, instances of a noticeable lack of orderly behaviour about Hong Kong to-day which cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely.

Bishop Hall On Problem Of Youth

"The whole question of youth in this city seems to me to be more important than ever before," said the Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall at a dinner given last night by the directors of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at the Cafe de Chine to the benefit of the Association and the captains of the financial drive now in progress.

Mr. Lam Chi-fong presided and among the guests present were Rev. Bishop Hall, Mr. Yung Sui-fong (Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital), Mr. Ma Pin-wan and Chong Shing-chuen, together with Messrs. Lai Yui-kin, Lam Pui-shue, Hui Kwong-chiu, Li Pook-wo, Poon Ching-ye and Chan Tait-chai, captains of the Drive.

Supporting the chairman were the following directors of the Association: Messrs. Wai Lok-hing, Lee Kai-sun and Wong Man-fong. After Mr. Lam Chi-fong had given a short account of Y.M.C.A. activities and the need of funds to carry on the good work, Bishop Hall stressed the importance of the education of youth, particularly at this time. "This war," he said, "has interrupted the education of children to a considerable extent even in free China where many had been cut away from their parents and spent most of the time wandering about money for food."

The whole question of youth in this city seemed to him to be more important than ever before. He stressed the need for recreation among children and young people and was happy to know that the Y.M.C.A. was able to provide facilities for healthy recreation.

Bishop Hall leaves for Canton this morning on a short visit. He is expected to be away for a few days.

RECEIVED GOODS FROM U.S. SAILOR

Wong Chung-to, tailor and laundressman of No. 32, Hankow Road, was again brought before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court, charged with receiving stolen property from an American sailor who broke into a godown at West Point on Dec. 8. Mr. P. C. Woo appeared for the defence, while Inspector F. Nolan presented.

Mr. Woo submitted that the property was left on his client's premises by the American sailor concerned against his client's consent. His client had made every effort to locate the sailor, but could not find him. Though he had aided and abetted in disposal of the articles, it did not amount to a charge of receiving.

After hearing the submission, Mr. Kwan returned a verdict of guilty, and convicted the accused.

Mr. Woo asked the Court to give the order of a fine, which was refused. Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was imposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rackets

Sir, With reference to the article re racketeering of cinema tickets appearing in your paper, I wish to state that the racketeers' activities are only one of the racketeers' activities.

The Rice Dopers have the racket of collecting 20 cents from the queue before they are allowed to enter the shop to buy rice.

The long queues for bread, cheese and butter at the Dairy Farm and at Lane Crawford's are another racket of racketeers or their agents who, after purchasing, resell at \$1.00, \$5.00 and \$5.00 respectively in the streets. Many of the goods these days are like markets. As an example the neighbourhood of the ENSA Theatre is more like a market than a residential district.

Coolies at the Kowloon ferry are organized as a gang and will not allow Hong Kong coolies to get through without tea-money.

These rackets cause additional difficulty to the Authorities as well as to the bona fide public in their efforts to rehabilitate and venture to suggest that these rackets should be stamped out and the racketeers deported as undesirable.

BONZO.

H.K.V.D.C. ORDERS

Volunteer Orders by Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, M.C., D.S.O., D.S.M., A.D.C. Mobilized Reserve H.K.V.D.C. will ensure that they are correctly dressed when in uniform. Mixtures of uniform and muffs will under no circumstances be worn. Battle Dress must be worn (when in possession) after 2000 hrs. daily.

Saluting: O.R.s will ensure that they salute officers when in uniform.

WAR GRAVES OFFICIALS

Among arrivals by air on New Year's Day were two officers and 16 other ranks of the Australian War Graves Service, who are here in transit, waiting instructions from their commanding officer in Tokyo. The officers are Lt. Whitaker and Lt. W. P. G. Bayley.

SPECIAL CRAFT IN RIVER MINESWEEP

SPECIALLY CONVERTED LANDING CRAFT ARE BEING EMPLOYED BY THE ROYAL NAVY IN PART OF THE OPERATION TO SWEEP THE CANTON RIVER FREE OF MINES. THE SHALLOW DEPTH OF THE RIVER PREVENTS FLEET MINESWEEPERS FROM PERFORMING THE WORK AND MOTOR LAUNCHES ASSISTED BY MOTOR FISHING VESSELS ARE ALSO BEING USED.

THE OPERATION IS BEING DONE AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

Extensive sweeps are being made to clear both moored and magnetic mines. It is intended to provide a channel through the Urmaton Road approaches and the Bocca Tigris minefields and the Second Bar and Upper Reaches to Canton. The provisional date for the completion of the first phase of the operation is Jan. 15 but adverse weather conditions and technical difficulties have hampered the work.

The landing craft are dealing with magnetic mines, believed to have been laid by American aircraft. These flat bottomed vessels are able to penetrate the shallow areas and are in effect doing the work of fleet minesweepers on a miniature scale.

When the obvious difficulties of sweeping the river were assessed, plans for adapting the landing craft were formulated within a week, the conversion being carried out in a further seven days.

It is necessary to sweep the magnetic mine fields four times to ensure the complete clearance of the area. The alternating magnetic field, by which the mines are activated, is created by a cable, 1,550 yards in length. The cable is trailed on the surface of the water in the form of a giant U, each end being attached to a landing craft which tow it across the sweep area while moving in parallel, two hundred yards apart.

The cable has a nine inch circumference and is fed by Diesel generators supplying 700 amps. The craft were thoroughly tested to ensure that they, themselves, did not act as magnets to attract the mines; the crews meaning the vessels are volunteers.

The clearance of moored mines is being carried out by motor launches which also act as escorts for the magnetic sweeps to prevent junks and sampans fouling the cable.

Until the operation is completed river traffic remains virtually at a standstill. The only Canton-Hong Kong shipping at present consists largely of junks whose shallow draft and wooden bottoms are not likely to come into contact with ordinary mines or attract magnetic mines.

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Girl's Evidence In Menaces Case

The case in which three Chinese are accused with demanding money with menaces from an ex-Japanese employed detective, Chau Ming, was continued yesterday before Mr. E. Smith.

Mr. R. E. Smith, prosecuting, called as his second witness Miss Wong Kwai-ying.

Miss Wong testified that on Dec. 11, she saw the complainant, Chau Ming, with five men. Chau's car was bleeding and his coat torn. She asked them what was the matter and was told by the third accused, Li Pui, to go away. She followed them into the Kowloon Cafe where a Chinese soldier asked complainant for \$250.

A receipt was pointed at complainant and when he said he could give only \$100, the soldier struck him with the revolver. They finally agreed to accept \$50. Complainant was taken to a money-lender at Nga Tsin Wai Road to obtain the cash.

Chau returned with the money and handed it to second accused, Lam Sang. The next day was fixed for handing over the balance at a bicycle shop in Arzylo Street.

On Dec. 12 she was asked by complainant to meet the gang. She went first to Mongkok police station and took some detectives with her, and the three accused were arrested in the shop.

Yung Sik of the bicycle shop at No. 61, Arzylo Street testified that the three accused were arrested by detectives. The Chinese soldier, armed with two pistols, was arrested in Kowloon City on Dec. 12. Miss Wong led the police to the arrests on both occasions.

The case was adjourned till Jan. 9 at 2.30 p.m.

Z.B.W. Makes Broadcasting History

Z.B.W. is creating broadcasting history in Hong Kong to-day. From 8.30 p.m. to approximately 8.45 p.m. to-night the stations are relaying two scenes from the Noel Coward play "Billie Spirit" which is being presented by John Gielgud and his London company under the auspices of ENSA at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

This is the first time in Hong Kong's history that any such broadcast during an actual performance has been attempted, and preliminary test promise that the broadcast will be entirely successful.

This relay of an actual stage performance is only made possible by the courtesy of ENSA and the sacrifice agreement of Mr. Gielgud and his players.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the play, there will be a short introductory explanation leading up to the actual part of the play to be relayed.

Z.B.W. Hong Kong is also requested to relay the performance of "Billie Spirit" on to all, will be given this afternoon at the ENSA Star Theatre at 2.30 p.m. In aid of His Excellency to Commander-in-Chief's Welfare Fund. A few tickets may still be available at the Theatre Booking Office between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to-day.

R.A.F. DANCE

A very successful "All Ranks" dance organised by 5207 Squadron Royal Air Force was held at the Diocesan Girls' School last night.

Among those present was the Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader H. Cronshaw.

The hall had been tastefully decorated by an enthusiastic committee and an up-to-date selection of music was rendered by the Pacific Melody Makers.

A well-run buffet under Sergeant E. Ackroyd was very much appreciated. The duties of M.C. were effectively carried out by W/O. C. Porter of 5207 Squadron.

Theft From B.A.T. Godown

The godown of the British American Tobacco Company at Kennedy Town was broken into during the night of Dec. 30, and 110 rolls of cigarette paper valued at \$33,000 were stolen from the premises.

As a sequel, two unemployed Chinese, Lo Wing and Tang Sing-hung, were charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

According to Inspector F. Nolan who prosecuted, an iron bar of a window in the godown was sawn and 110 rolls of cigarette paper were removed. The value was \$300 per roll. As a result of enquiries made by the Police, no suspects were arrested and 57 rolls of paper recovered.

Both accused pleaded guilty and were sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

Eviction Applications Before Tribunal

ON THE GROUND THAT IN HER ABSENCE THE PREMISES SHE OWNED WERE OCCUPIED, WITHOUT CONSENT, A LANDLADY, LEUNG SAI-MUI, BROUGHT AN APPLICATION FOR EVICTION AGAINST THE TRESPASSERS AT THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL AT THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING YESTERDAY.

The application, made against Kwok Man, the principal tenant of No. 31, Yiu Wa Street, first floor, was heard by a tribunal comprising Messrs. R. Childe, Hon. Man-wai and Yu Tak-lant.

Leung Sai-mui, following the fall of Hong Kong, entered the Rosary Hill Red Cross Home when it was opened in 1943. Later, in 1944, she went to Macao where she stayed until October last year when she returned to the Colony. On her return she found Kwok Man, the opponent in the case, in possession of the premises.

Leung stated in evidence that during the whole period of the occupation she had no agent or rent collector acting on her behalf. She had not entered into any tenancy agreement and had received no rents from opponent.

Cheung Hoi-tung, nephew of the applicant, testified to the service of notice to opponent on Dec. 12 last.

The opponent was not present in Court, and an order of eviction, within seven days, was entered by the tribunal.

RENTAL FIXED

An application for variation of rents was heard before the tribunal comprising Messrs. Henry Leong, E. Abraham and Capt. A. M. Rodriguez.

The applicant in the case was Mok Lay-lan and the opponent, Chan Chun-hing, tenant of the ground floor of No. 23, Tsing Fung Street.

Mok stated that he had been a tenant since 1942. In October and November last year he paid rents of \$30. On Nov. 23 he received a letter from opponent asking \$70 for December. Applicant said he refused to pay this as he considered it too high. The premises were not in good condition.

Lee Hang-tai, wife of the opponent, produced old rent receipts showing the rent in 1941 at \$70 per month. Witness stated that the rents were previously collected by a relative who did not know the pre-war rents.

An order fixing the monthly rental of the premises at \$70 was made out by the tribunal.

Another case was settled before the same tribunal on the application of the applicant, Chan, for eviction against Yung, Chan, of

Batavia Fires

About 500 in south-eastern Batavia were made homeless by the spectacular fire which broke out in the native quarter shortly after a large crowd of Indonesians had stormed the Dutch-Ambonese civil police station.

Dutch police officials said the assault was repulsed.—Associated Press.

Pickpocket's Large Haul

With the large influx of service personnel of all classes and the population daily on the increase, Hong Kong's colony of pick-pockets have again started their trade of prying on the unalert.

The activities of these "light-fingered gentry" have been on the increase lately and it is suspected that some work in organised gangs.

"Working" in the more crowded areas they have victimised more than one serviceman. One of their happy hunting grounds is in the areas near the ferry wharves where there is usually a congestion.

In this area, Wong Ho, 30, a kiosk of the Tin Lee Company, of No. 130, Des Voeux Road Central, had his pocket picked of \$4,000 while purchasing a ticket on the Kowloon side of the Star Ferry Wharf at 5.10 last evening.

The Police stated that they are aware of these activities, warning that pick-pockets are even to be found on the ferries. Measures are being taken to curb these activities and the public is asked to co-operate and report any such loss.

PERSISTENT

Wong Fuk, 34, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance by returning to the Colony after being banished for life.

Accused was arrested at the Race Course in Happy Valley by Inspector F. A. Ewins on information, on New Year's Day.

Defendant had three previous convictions for a similar offence.

Wong Wal, cigarette hawker, was arrested for having in his possession 23 packets of military issued cigarettes. He pleaded ignorance when summoned before Lt. Nigel yesterday at Kowloon. The cigarettes were confiscated and accused acquitted.

CLASSICAL RECITAL

The third of the series of gramophone recitals of classical music at The Catholic Centre will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 p.m. The main item of the programme will be Dvorak's New World Symphony. There will be also instrumental items by Beethoven, Chopin, and Tchaikovsky. Vocal items will include the Prologue from Paganini an Habanera from Carmen. As usual admission is free and all are welcome.

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BALKAN PUZZLE IN THE ORIENT

Indo-China Presents A Varied Picture

Unrra Chief To Resign

Washington, Jan. 4.
The United Nations Reconstruc-
tion and Rehabilitation Adminis-
tration's chief in Germany, Lieut.
Colonel Frederick Morgan, will
resign his post tomorrow.
Reuter learns from an unnamed
able source.

It was General Morgan who at
Frankfurt yesterday expressed
the belief that European Jews
have a "positive plan for a
second exodus" this time from
Europe.

He said that he had seen an
exodus of Jews from Poland on
Russian trains, on the regular
route from Lodz to Berlin. He
did not know who was financing
the movement. Reuter.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an
Extraordinary General Meeting
of all members will be held on
Thursday 10th January 1946 at
5.15 p.m. at the club premises,
First Floor, Queen's Building.

1. To pass the minutes of the
last Extraordinary General
Meeting.
2. To amend Article 4 of the
Constitution.
3. To amend Article 5a and
5b of the Constitution.

By order of the Committee.

O. C. LEOW,

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Inter-Allied Divergencies

Saigon, Jan. 3.
The political and military picture in Indo-China looks like a Bal-
kan puzzle with subtle Oriental complications and inter-allied
divergence of aim and purpose.

It shows the Chinese disarming surrendered Japanese north of
the 16th parallel and leaving unmolested the Anti-French Viet
Minh Government seated at Hanoi. The British, mean-
while, are preparing to withdraw after disarming the Japa-
nese south of the Demarcation Line, halving the country,
while the French forces spread their reconquest area out-
side Saigon against hostile harassment of the Annamites.

The French estimate that it
will take several months to re-
cover their colonies and protect
border areas which formed the pre-
war Indo-China Union. The Viet
Minh slogan remains "Indepen-
dence or Death."

It is only a question of time
and the arrival of reinforcements
before the French complete the
subjugation of the Annamites in
Southern Indo-China, where they
gained their initial reconquest
foot-hold in an alliance with the
British. The Indian 20th Division entered the
picture with the sole intention
of disarming the Japanese, but
they incidentally provided the
French with their bridgehead to
reconquest.

DIFFERENT PICTURE

The Chinese ruled North pro-
vides an entirely different pic-
ture. The French are leading
with the Chinese in the hope of
obtaining permission to re-arm
4,500 French troops who have
been idling in the Hanoi Citadel
since they were disarmed by the
Japanese on March 3, 1945, and
to return an equal number, with
arms, from China, whence they
fled in the wake of the Japanese
coup.

The Hanoi scene is sharply in
contrast in many respects with
Saigon.
It has been calm in Hanoi
since October 31, when Annamites
shot some Frenchmen in an
armed clash between the Viet
Minh and the small rival Dong
Minh Annamite faction. The
clash was stopped by Chinese
troops. The Dong Minh, de-
scribed as leaning towards the
Chinese Nationalists, were cele-
brating Sun Yat-sen's birth an-
niversary.

Another contrast shows that
most of the Annamites have de-
serted their Saigon and Cholon
homes, while in the Chinese-
guarded national capital in
North Cochinchina, approxi-
mately 15,000 French civilians
stroll about with unarmed ci-
vilian soldiers, under the noses of
the Annamite armies and the
Viet Minh Government.

THE BYSTANDERS

The Chinese, concerned with
disposing of 36,000 Japanese in
the north, and the British, with
80,000 in the south, ostensibly
are disinterested bystanders,
keepers of the almost-forgotten
former enemy.
Since the first French liaison

SIAM SATISFIED

Bangkok, Jan. 4.
Premier Seni Pramoet to-day
said that Siam finds the Anglo-
Siam Agreement signed at
Singapore recently "satisfactory."
He expressed thanks to the
United States for the "special in-
terest it has shown from the be-
ginning in the welfare of Siam."
He also wished the same to Brit-
tain for "her great generosity in
this matter."

He declined to comment on the
extent of the original British de-
mands sealed down during the
prolonged negotiations on the
Treaty. Associated Press.

Noel Coward Englishmen Not Typical

Hollywood, Jan. 4.
At a time when producers are
worrying about the British film
industry and the English market,
Dean Jagger returns from the
isles with some sound observa-
tions.

"Only 25 per cent of the studios
in England are operating," Jagger
said. "The others are being used
to store foodstuffs. The studios
that are working can offer no
serious threat to Hollywood. Ra-
ther than compete, the English
are trying to cooperate and learn
from our industry."

He said the English are trying
to adjust their product to the in-
ternational market. "They re-
alise that American comedy films
are terrifically popular in the
isles, whereas British humour
doesn't click here at all. They
are trying to adjust that situa-
tion."

Jagger said the producers also
are trying to correct the Ameri-
can impression that all English-
men are of a type personified by
Noel Coward. Associated Press.

TROUBLE BREWING IN INDONESIA

Batavia, Jan. 4.
British sources have reported
that Indonesian Nationalist forces
are assembling near Semarang,
north of Central Java.

They add that the concentration
suggests a possibility that the In-
donesians are preparing a large
scale attack in that area within a
few days. The belief that an at-
tack is imminent was highlighted
by reports that Indonesians are
clearing women and children from
villages east of Semarang, but the
British authorities express con-
fidence of ability to meet the situa-
tion.

Minor disturbances occurred at
Bandone where a British warrant
officer was killed by a sniper. In-
donesian snipers are also reported
to have fired on Japanese troops in
that area. Associated Press.

America Hit By Housing Shortage

NEW YORK, JAN. 4.
AMERICAN FAMILIES COMPELLED BY THE HOUSING
SHORTAGE TO SUCH MEASURES AS TRIPPLING UP
IN FIVE ROOMS, LIVING IN VACANT STORES AND
USING ONE ROOM FOR NINE PERSONS, ARE TRY-
ING VERSE, CUTENESS AND PATIOS IN EFFORTS
TO FIND BETTER PLACES TO LIVE.

Here is a sampling of adver-
tisements inserted by frantic
hunters in newspapers around
the country, as shown in an As-
sociated Press survey of hous-
ing conditions.

Albany, N.Y., ads post offers
of from \$50 to \$500 for "in-
formation leading to rentals" and
the wife of a local executive
announced she would post a cash
bond to guarantee she sought
three-bedroom house she sought
would receive good care. An
Albany, Ga., man advertised:
"Won't someone furnish door-
stop for stick to light on?"
From Richmond, Va., came a
plea: "Returned veteran, just
married, sleeping in pup tent
upon mother-in-law's lawn. Wife
can't stand the cold, need 3 to 4
unfurnished rooms."

A lot of couples with children
in most any town have echoed
the desperation of these Salt
Lake City notices:
"Will exchange two-year-old
girl for furnished apartment.
Impossible to get one with her."
And, "We have a young son,
whom we refuse to drown. Do
you have an apartment?"
People who try to help out
with available quarters usually
find themselves literally over-
whelmed. Associated Press.

Not To Be Overlooked

Paris, Jan. 4.
The official newspaper "Le
Monde," commenting on the
Anglo-Siamese peace treaty, stressed
the restoration of Malayan and
Burmese territories.

"This act," the paper adds, "will
not pass unnoticed by the French.
The French have indeed not for-
gotten their country is also in a
state of war with Siam and was
compelled, in 1941, in spite of
military success, to consent to the
amputation of Indo-Chinese territory."

France, therefore, also has
territorial claims against Siam.
The difficulties created by the
Indo-Chinese events can in no way
prejudice France's rights nor
determination to have their rights
respected. Reuter.

London, Jan. 4.
The British Press association
said the British Government still
was hopeful a three-power invest-
igating commission would be sent
to Iran to study conditions in
Azerbaijan, since the recent
separatist uprising, and to inquire
into the advisability of withdrawal
of Allied troops. Associated
Press.

How Nazis Rebuffed The Vatican

NUERNBERG, JAN. 4.
THE NAZI GOVERNMENT RE-
BUFFED VATICAN AT-
TEMPTS TO HALT ATROCI-
TIES AGAINST THE CATHO-
LIC CHURCH IN POLAND IN
PICTURED DOCUMENTS
MADE AVAILABLE BY AMERI-
CAN OFFICIALS HERE.

Official communications between
the Vatican and the Nazi Foreign
Office showed that the Holy See
got a rude brush off when it tried
to bring these atrocities to the
attention of Foreign Minister von
Ribbentrop. The Foreign Office
flatly refused to deliver the Va-
tican's letter to von Ribbentrop.
The Vatican protested to the
Foreign Minister against the "un-
friendly act."

Obviously angered by the Va-
tican's refusal to recognise Ger-
man sovereignty in territories
won by force, von Ribbentrop
said, "Letters dealing with im-
possible situations are a waste of
time and since (by implication)
Rome has contested German so-
vereignty in occupied lands it
could hardly expect the Reich to
acknowledge Papal authority re-
garding religious matters in the
same territories."

The protest declared the Ger-
man Government was making it
impossible for the Holy See to
carry out its "divine mandate" to
protect Catholics in occupied coun-
tries. Copies of this correspond-
ence carried on in 1943 and made
available recently by the Vatican
will be used by Allied prosecutors
in the trial of top ranking Nazis
here. Associated Press.

Status Of Baltic States

London, Jan. 4.
Reuter's diplomatic correspon-
dent writes: The official defini-
tion of the present frontiers of
the Lithuanian and Estonian So-
viet Socialist Republics in the
Russian decree fixing constitu-
encies in the forthcoming elections
has again brought to the fore
the question of recognition of the
new status of the Baltic States
by Britain and the United States.

So far, there has been no
change in the British official at-
titude which in law does not re-
cognise the incorporation of these
territories into the Soviet Union.
In informed quarters in London
there is believed to be, at present,
no sign that Britain intends to
modify her attitude in the im-
mediate future.

On the other hand, both Bri-
tain and the United States have
accepted the completed fact by
allowing the description of the
Baltic States as Soviet Socialist
Republics in the indictment of
the Nuremberg trial, which is a
Four-Power document. Reuter.

NO SHELVEING OF PERSIA PROBLEM

Washington, Jan. 4.
The State Department declared
Thursday that it "is not engaged
in any efforts" to keep Iran from
placing its problems before the
forthcoming United Nations as-
sembly session in London.

The Department said it was
taking note of reports from Lon-
don that the United States and
Britain were reported trying to
prevent Russian-Iranian troubles
from being raised as a major
issue at the assembly meeting
on Jan. 10.

Iranian Ambassador Hussein
Ald said his government would try
to bring its difficulties before the
assembly. Associated Press.

PEARL HARBOUR PREPAREDNESS

Washington, Jan. 4.

The Pearl Harbour Investigat-
ing Committee will resume its
hearings to-day calling on Admiral
Harold R. Stark.

Questioning is expected to be
restricted to the Navy Board al-
legation that Stark failed to keep
the Pacific Fleet Commander in-
formed in 1941 of developments
with regard to Japanese-American
relations.

Stark had contended that "in-
adequate information" to Ad-
miral Husband Kimmel so that
Pearl Harbour should have been
on guard when the Japanese
attacked.

Associate Councillor Gerhard
said that the Navy was compiling
Kimmel's testimonies at previous
inquiries for submission to the In-
vestigating Committee. Associated
Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

"Please tell us who was to blame for
this catastrophe," writes E.A.M. of
New York City. "If both of us were
at fault, tell us who was the bigger
fool."

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
Duplicate Bridge

S. A 9 8 3
H. 10 9 7 4
D. —
C. K Q J 10 9

S. 7 4
H. A J 6
D. 10 9 8 4
C. 7 5 2

S. J 10 6 2
H. 5 8
D. J 7 6 5 2
C. 8 3

B. K 9 5
H. K Q 8 2
D. A K Q
C. A 8 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1.0. Pass 1 H. Pass
1.8. Pass 4 NT Pass
5.0. Pass 5 NT Pass
6.0. Pass 6 NT Pass
7.0. Pass Pass
Pass Pass

"We use the Blackwood Convention,
so North's bid of two and six diamonds
were forced responses, showing one Ace
and one King respectively. After the
hand was over, South maintained that
his bid of four and two was a trump bid
made him 'captain of the ship'. There-
fore, he claimed, North should have
allowed six no-trump to stand."

"North insisted that South's bid of
five no-trump was a Grand Slam invita-
tion, and the bid of seven hearts was
a gamble that the diamond suit was un-
disrupted. South would supply
whatever tricks South needed, show
about it, Ace?"

We think both are at fault, but that
South was more to blame than North.
The minute South found out that an
Ace was missing (because of the five-
diamond response), he should have gone
right to six no-trump. Such a bid
would smack so much of finality, that
North would be obliged to pass. The
five-no-trump bid, as North correctly
pointed out, conveyed the meaning that
South might bid a Grand Slam if North
could show enough Kings. But North
still was wrong to bid seven hearts, since
he could not be sure of the solidity of
the trump suit even if South held the
Ace of hearts. As a matter of fact,
South's heart holding might have been
headed by both Ace and King, and a
trump trick would still have to be lost.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's
partner and, with neither side vulner-
able you held:

S. A 8 3
H. A
D. J 9 7 8 4
C. Q 9 8 5

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maler
Pass Pass Pass Pass
(7)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds.
You haven't enough spades to jump to
three spades, and your hand is too
strong for a raise to two spades.

Score 100 per cent for two diamonds;
50 per cent for three spades; 20 per
cent for two spades.

QUESTION

To-day you hold the same hand and
the bidding continues:

You Schenken Jacoby Maler
Pass Pass Pass Pass
2 D. Pass 2 NT Pass
(7)

What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow).

U.S. Awaits H.K. Exports

New York, Jan. 4.
In a review of the tung oil posi-
tion in the United States, it is
stressed that scarcity is due to the
lack of Chinese supplies affect-
ing the American paint and var-
nish industry.

Seventy-five per cent of the
Hankow pro-war exports, also 69
per cent of Hong Kong's came to
the United States where the paint
and varnish consumption was 106-
000,000 pounds in 1937.

Consumption by the linoleum
and printing inks trades is also
large.

The United States tung oil post-
war abnormal price is around the
ceiling level of 39 cents per pound
in drums, owing to the lack of
imports. With the return of more
normal conditions, large imports
of Chinese tung oil are expected
to dominate the market and prices
may decline to around 17 cents a
pound.

Meanwhile, southern United
States is attempting to cultivate
tung trees to compete with China,
but the project is considered dif-
ficult. Reuter.

READY TO FIGHT

New York, Jan. 4.
Jose Giral, premier of the
Spanish Republican Government in
exile, said yesterday that resis-
tance groups and guerrillas num-
bered 40,000 in Spain, ready to
start a civil war "if necessary to
overthrow Franco." Associated
Press.

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FASCIST ACTIVITY IN BRITAIN

Barrage Of Questions In House Of Commons

Mosley And Capt. Ramsay

LONDON, JAN. 3. SIR OSWALD MOSLEY, LEADER OF THE BRITISH UNION OF FASCISTS, WHO WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM DETENTION UNDER WARTIME DEFENCE REGULATIONS, WAS MENTIONED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

ANSWERING A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS, THE HOME SECRETARY MR. CHUTER EDE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE VERY PROPER HOSTILITY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE TO FASCISM.

The Government was fully alive to all risks involved in a revival of Fascism. A law already provided safeguards against activities of all kinds and protected sections of the community irrespective of race or creed against disorder or provocative conduct. A close watch was being and would be kept on any manifestations of Fascism, and the law would be strictly enforced.

Mr. Chuter Ede had been asked by Labour members if he was aware of the following matters:

That the activities of Fascists such as Sir Oswald Mosley and

Capt. A. Ramsay, around whom "treacherous elements are being organised," were a menace to internal security, that their meeting in London last week was attended by 800 men and women who had been detained during the war in the interests of the State, that a press representative was violently ejected from the meeting because he was taking notes of a speech in which Mosley threatened vengeance against his political opponents; that later the same night the Lenin memorial in North London was defaced by Fascists, and that the headquarters of the Hitler worship cult known as the League of Christian Reformers had been raided by other citizens taking unofficial action.

POLITICAL MEETING

Mr. John Lewis (Labour): "Don't you think it possible in the public interest to issue a regulation whereby all political meetings should be notified to the police beforehand (Opposition cries of 'Gestapo!') so that in the event of Fascists deciding to hold a meeting with this male Pompadour strutting about the country in uniform we can take steps to stop it?"

Mr. Chuter Ede: "It would be very difficult to draft a regulation defining what a political meeting is. These people are not allowed to appear in uniform under regulations already in force."

Mr. Anthony Eden (Conservative): "Will the Home Secretary make plain that the suggestion by Mr. Lewis is not only difficult to handle in definition, but most undesirable?"

Mr. Chuter Ede: "Yes, I agree. I should not like to be informed every time the successor of the 1922 (Conservative Committee is meeting," (laughter).

When Mrs. Manning (Labour) asked if so long as meetings were private Mosley and his Fascists would have the right to corrupt the mind of any young person they invited to their party, Mr. Chuter Ede replied that he could not prevent people from holding private gatherings in this country. The whole question was one of great difficulty, he said.

TRUCULENT MINORITIES

"I am concerned that the liberal Government of this country should not be destroyed as abroad by armed and truculent minorities seizing power to which they were never invited by the majority in their country, but I should find it very difficult, indeed, to frame at the moment any act that would enable me to deal with it. I would ask people to preserve some sense of proportion."

Mr. Hugh Molson (Conservative) asked if the Home Secretary would resist attempts of the Socialist majority in the House of Commons to establish a Gestapo.

Mr. Chuter Ede replied that he had not heard any suggestion in that direction.

Mr. Thurtle (Labour): "In dealing with these people, will the Home Secretary bear in mind the long-established principle of British freedom of speech?"

Mr. Chuter Ede replied that he had that in mind, but pointed out that even the famous poet, Milton, laid it down in a grant address to the House of Commons that where people aimed at extirpating free discussion they must be regarded as being ripe for extirpation themselves.

Replying to Mr. Tom Driberg (Labour), the Home Secretary said he had no intention that democracy should be overruled in this country by minority movements of this kind. He expected democracy to exercise a sense of proportion and not to flatter those people by making them appear more menacing than, in fact, they really were.

London, Jan. 4. Moscow radio said Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, deputy foreign minister, will head the Soviet delegation to the United Nations general assembly on Jan. 10. Associated Press.

Manhunts

Bad Goolz, Germany, Jan. 4. United States army intelligence officers said that documents seized with Adolf Hitler's personal political testament provided fresh leads on the possible whereabouts of a number of long-sought Nazis leaders. They said manhunts have been launched in several Bavaria areas. Associated Press.

India Should Learn To Cooperate

Liverpool, Jan. 4.

The Liberal Liverpool "Daily Post," commenting editorially on the departure of the Parliamentary Delegation to India, writes: "In a speech on New Year's Day, Jawaharlal Nehru spoke dramatically of 'Asiatic nations holding together to meet their common enemy imperialism,' but only like charity begins at home."

Mr. Nehru's ideal of friendly contacts between all Asiatic people is a very worthy one, since Asia contains a great proportion of the civilised population of the world. And the fact is that nowhere throughout East Asia can one today detect any evidence of co-operation or cohesion.

"Everywhere there are acute political divisions. In India these divisions are especially bitter and politicians like Nehru ought to face the facts realistically instead of ignoring them and blaming Britain for the resultant situation."

"Perhaps the Parliamentary Delegation with its various shades of opinion will help to appreciate the need for co-operation and compromise."

"If it does anything in that respect it will have done a great service to India and the world."

Reuter.

Ensa To Finish By Late Summer

LONDON, JAN. 4.

PLANS FOR WINDING UP ENSA WERE DESCRIBED YESTERDAY BY DIRECTOR BASIL DEAN. HE SAID: "AS FAR BACK AS APRIL OF THIS YEAR I SUBMITTED PLANS TO THE AUTHORITIES FOR THE GRADUAL REDUCTION OF VARIOUS BRANCHES OF OUR SERVICE. THESE PLANS WERE EVENTUALLY ADOPTED."

Congress Wants Silver Coins

Washington, Jan. 4.

Several proposals for memorial coins may be a springboard for Congressional efforts to cash in on the United States silver surplus.

Congressman White, of Idaho, plans to call the House Coinage Committee to discuss accumulated silver proposals. These include the coining of 10,000,000 silver dollars to commemorate the victory over Japan and 10,000,000 half-dollars as a reminder of the Pearl Harbor attack. White stated that since the government buys silver at 71 1/2 cents per ounce and coins it on the basis of \$1.29 the issuance of 20,000,000 memorial coins would yield a profit of \$6,750,000. He also argues that the United States would save \$375,000 yearly in interest it would have to pay for a like value in Federal Reserve notes.

Associated Press.

Off The Ration List

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.

Effective Jan. 1, a number of items have been removed from the rationing list in Holland. Among them are cereals, macaroni, spaghetti, dried peas and beans, biscuits, crackers, cookies and pastry.

As far as the two last items are concerned, however, this means that people will be able to buy cookies and pastry which are not made with butter. If people want these made with butter they still will have to turn over part of their own butter ration to the bakery.

Associated Press.

GEN. BRANN'S FUNERAL

Vienna, Jan. 4.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding U.S. forces in Austria, announced the appointment of Brigadier General Harry Vaughan, Truman's Aide, as honorary pallbearer at the funeral of Brigadier General Donald W. Brann, who was killed in a motorcycle accident. Ranking British, British, French and American officers and officials of the Austrian Government attended General Brann's funeral yesterday. Associated Press.

Remote Control And New Air Training

Atlantic City, Jan. 4. Remote control already has eliminated much of the danger of test flying new planes, Navy officials said today, as well as opening new possibilities for training pilots and gunners for the age of super-speeds in air warfare.

The Navy demonstrated publicly for the first time at its air station near here the taking off, manoeuvring and landing of combat aircraft by radio, using a 7-ton Grumman F6F Hellcat. Complete control of planes by radio usually is limited to small target ships, of which the Navy bought more than 18,000 during the war.

The art of remote control has gone far beyond that now, Cmdr. Moulton B. Taylor, of Langley, Washington, officer in charge of pilotless aircraft development, said.

The Navy showed for the first time, for example, its remotely controlled jet target plane, using a 120-pound turbo-jet engine 9-1/2 inches in diameter made by Westinghouse. This plane is launched from a mother ship, and control is taken over by a fighter plane. The purpose of the jet "drone" is to give gunners, and later on pilots of jet propelled fighters, practice against aircraft having speeds in ranges well beyond that possible in target planes using conventional engines.

REAL TARGETS

The Navy is converting 100 war-weary fighters into "drones" for use in realistic dog-fights in which the trainee pilot can actually shoot down his simulated enemy instead of merely recording his shots on photographic film.

Such training will replace shooting at towed sleeve targets, officials said, because it provides the realism of a manoeuvring target and a final check on the effect of the pilot's marksmanship. The control plane can be miles away, or the "drone" can be controlled from the ground.

Navy officers were particularly enthusiastic about the use of remote control in testing new

planes. Radio control has been used for that to some extent already, and has shown that it is possible literally to tear a plane apart in flight beats without losing either the pilot or the resulting data. Information on performance and stresses is radioed back to the station from automatic devices in the plane. Associated Press.

Conspiracy Reports All Poppcock

Frankfurt, Jan. 4.

Judge Simon Rifkind, advisor on Jewish affairs to General MacArthur, United States Commander in the European theatre, described as "poppcock" reports of a "worldwide conspiratorial arrangement" behind the infiltration of Polish Jews into the American zone.

Rifkind, at a press conference, said he was giving only his personal views on the statements made yesterday by Lieut-General Sir Frederick E. Morgan, Chief of the U.N.R.R.A. operations in Germany, who expressed the belief that a secret Jewish organization was sponsoring the infiltration from the East. Rifkind said that of those he had questioned nearly all were leaving Poland under a sense of compulsion—genuine or imagined.

"The predominant factor in the flight from Poland is fear," Morgan had said. "Jews arriving from Poland are certainly not look like persecuted people."

He added: "I believe they have got a positive plan to get out of Europe." Rifkind said "the Jews fleeing from Poland are, or believe they are, fleeing for their lives." Associated Press.

Chungking's Black List

St. Louis, Jan. 4.

The "St. Louis Post Dispatch," commenting editorially on reports that certain American reporters have been barred from China by the Chungking government, said that at least one and perhaps others are on the Chungking black list as sympathetic to the Chinese Communists at Yenan.

The paper said that there are plenty of publicists in China who are presenting the case of the Chungking government to the American public.

It again emphasized that Chiang Kai-shek is operating a military dictatorship in China and not a democracy.

"He is not content with close censorship of outgoing dispatches about his government but now bars distinguished reporters who want to lay the whole story of China before their readers. Since Chiang Kai-shek has the help of American armaments and diplomatic support he should be told by the State Department that the American people do not look kindly on his attempts to control the press." Associated Press.

1946 CARS IN MAKING

Detroit, Jan. 4.

A limited production of 1946 model passenger automobiles has been resumed in about half the nation's factories.

Ford, Chrysler and Hudson, which closed on Friday night, were among the plants returning to production. Supplementing the output were the Studebaker and Willys Overland which reopened after many weeks following a settlement of labour difficulties in the plant of a major parts supplier. Associated Press.

MANNERHEIM BACK

Helinski, Jan. 4.

Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustav, Mannerheim, president of Finland, returned Thursday from a long rest in Portugal. Associated Press.

London, Jan. 4. The Resident Governor of the Tower of London said that Rudolph Hess was imprisoned there three days after his flight to Britain in 1941. Hess is being tried as a war criminal at Nuremberg. Associated Press.

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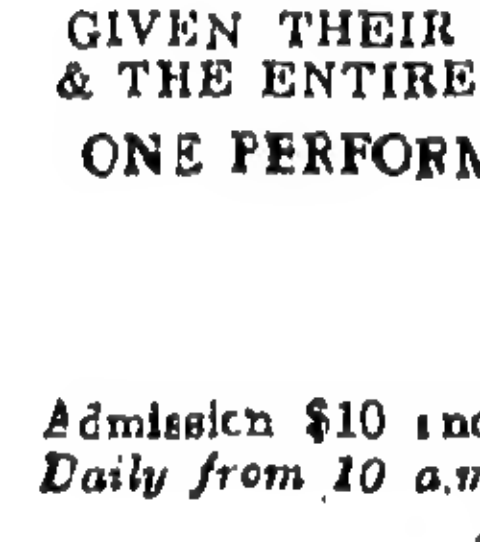
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Nominations for membership of the General Committee are invited and should be sent to the undersigned on or before Saturday, the 12th January, 1946.

Nominations must be in writing and supported by the names of six Members of the Chamber and the nominees must be British firms or companies and must state their willingness to serve on the General Committee in writing at the time of their nomination.

After a General Committee has been elected the Meeting will be open and to the discussion of the affairs of the Chamber in general.

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NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Article 19(1) of the above mentioned Proclamation, I, GEORGE A. STRICKLAND, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Legal Branch, have authorized the person whose name appears hereafter to act as an Advocate and conduct the defence of persons charged before the Standing Military Court, namely:

PETER HENRY BEN
DATED this 31st day of December 1945
GEORGE A. STRICKLAND,
Colonel (C.A.)
Legal Branch.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG
MEDICAL BRANCH

NOTICE

The Public is reminded of the necessity for boiling fresh milk before consumption as the pasteurizing plants are not yet in operation.

Raw milk may carry various types of infection and the fact that the milk is in bottles should not be regarded as a guarantee of its safety.

J. P. PEHILY, Col.,
D.D.M.S. (C.A.)

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

C.A.A. MEDICAL BRANCH

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the Office of the Visiting Medical Officer, Chinese Hospitals and Dispensaries, (Lieutenant-Colonel S. Y. Wan) has been removed from 1st floor, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building to 3rd floor, Post Office Building.

J. P. PEHILY, Col.,
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Hong Kong,
31st December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG)
WORKSHOPS AND
ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 1937.

NOTICE

1. The provisions of the Factories and Workshops Ordinance, No. 18 of 1937, which require all factories and workshops to be registered annually with the Protector of Labour, will be enforced as from 1st of January, 1946.

2. Application forms for such registration and any further information in this connection can be obtained at the Office of the Protector of Labour at Fire Brigade Building, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

3. Any factory or workshop not registered by 1st January, 1946 will be liable to the penalties provided by this Ordinance.

B. C. K. HAWKINS,
PROTECTOR OF LABOUR.

Eastern Tipped
For League Title

The opening games of the Re-habilitation Football League will be played this afternoon when three games are down for decision with the best probably that between 44 R.M. Commandos and Royal Air Force.

Both 44 Cde. and the Air Force teams have been seen in action here in exhibition football games and the majority of the players are well-known to followers of the game. The Commando team have lost several players, but have no shortage of reserves and are able to field a more than useful side.

Air Force will probably be fielding the team which beat Combined Chinese some time ago. Royal Engineers should have little difficulty against Civilian "B". The latter team has had little practice, but included in the side are a number of players who figured prominently in the Senior League prior to the war.

Engineers will be without Laws, their goalkeeper, who is making good recovery after his accident some time ago. The Sangers have a strong side and several of their players have represented Army in exhibition games here. Also, the Capt. will be seen as wing half with Thorne, who has sides being a good player is also a first class referee, as centre forward.

Royal Engineers will be represented by the following in their game against Civilian "B": Townley, Briner and Harris (Capt.), Ross, Humphreys, Thorne, Lamb and McLaughlin. Reserve: Campbell.

Eastern are 1st favourites for the title even at this early stage as they have most of their old

pre-war players and a number of Sing Tao stars. They have been further strengthened by the return of Chang Kam-hoi, Hou King-neng and Tang Kwong-nam.

Navy are uncertain of their line-up owing to duties and ship movements but are confident of fielding a side that should give Eastern a good game.

The following are to-day's games:

Civilian "B" v. R.F.C. (Navy ground 3.30 p.m.)

Referee: A. C. Roberts; Linesmen: C. P. Rogers and E. Noble.

Navy "A" v. Eastern A.A. (Schoonloo ground 3.30 p.m.)

Referee: L. A. G. Anderson; Linesmen: Lieut. L. G. Young and F. A. Barretto.

44 R.M. Commandos v. R.A.F. (Chatham road ground 3.30 p.m.)

Referee: A. McGorlin; Linesmen: A. Adohead and A. N. Othor.

GOLFERS' RECORD

Los Angeles, Jan. 4. "Lord" Byron Nelson, who opens the 1946 professional golfing campaign here in the Los Angeles open, has established the amazing record of having been a money-winner in 102 consecutive tournaments over a four-year period. His total 1945 war bond winnings were \$66,000, far ahead of the field.

Joe Mead finished second for the year with \$42,000 and Ben Hogan was third with \$27,425. Golf association officials said \$500,000 has been assured for prize money in 1946 tournaments. The boys played for \$375,000 in 1945. Associated Press.

KWONG WAH TEAM

The team to represent Kwong Wah in the League football game tomorrow against Navy "B" on Recreation ground at 3.30 p.m. will be chosen from: Li Kwok-kee, Wong Shui-kee, Ho Kar-keung, Yung Tse-keung, Lau Chung-kwan, Lau Chung-sung, Ching Yung-ki, Ho Yung-fun, Law Wing-kin, Chan Wai-sung, Fung Kwong-sing, Cheuk Shek-kam (Chin Tak-fai) and Wong King-cheung.

CHAPLAIN'S WIT

New York, Jan. 4. When the chaplain at a Long Island Coast Guard base is away on brief leaves, he hangs this sign on his office door: "Chaplain's gone. Ask God. Take your troubles to God." Associated Press.

Soldiers Never Drew
Their Pay

LONDON, JAN. 4. MORE THAN £6,000 IN PAY EARNED BY SOLDIERS WHO HAVE DIED IS GOING TO BE TRACED NEXT OF KIN WHO ARE ENTITLED TO IT.

It has published in the London Gazette a list of 242 casualties with credits standing in their names ranging from £100 to £400 earned by Gnr. H. R. Jones, Royal Artillery, down to 21 Gnr. 10d. of Pte. C. Irvine, Highland Light Infantry.

Many amounts date back to 1939. A Regimental paymaster said some belonged to prisoners of war who died in captivity. In some cases it was probably partly pay accumulating while a man was in hospital. In a few cases it may have accumulated because soldiers saved pay for leave. There may also be cases where soldiers lived on money from home.

An officer of the Royal Army Pay Corps said: "This list is only part of the total. There are hundreds of cases."

PENSION FOR MRS.
ROOSEVELT

Washington, Jan. 4. Legislation to provide an annual pension of \$5,000 to Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late president, has been approved by the House Pensions Committee. Subject to approval by both the Senate and the House, the legislation follows established precedent of pensioning the widows of former presidents and granting them free mailing privileges. Associated Press.

HOROWITZ AMERICAN

Los Angeles, Jan. 4. A man without a country since he renounced his Russian citizenship in 1925, Vladimir Horowitz, concert pianist, has become a United States citizen. Born in Kiev in 1904, Horowitz was living in Paris at the outbreak of the European war in 1939 and came to this country. He and his wife, daughter of Arturo Toscanini, have lived in Beverly Hills for four years. Associated Press.

O'Toole

At Clinton, Massachusetts, Mark O'Toole was arrested by policemen Martin Toole on the complaint of John O'Toole and was booked at police headquarters by Desk-Sergeant Edward O'Toole. In court he was fined \$50. for drunkenness by magistrate George O'Toole.

WHOSE SON?

Prague, Jan. 4. Security authorities are hunting a mystery man tentatively identified as a son of Hermann Goerring. The fugitive escaped from a prisoner of war transport after it crossed the Polish frontier. Goerring, twice married, has two daughters, but it had not been previously reported that he had a son. In calling the manhunt, the ministry of interior suggested he would try to flee back across Czechoslovakia. Associated Press.

Reuter adds that enquiries made in Prague failed to elicit confirmation that the boy arrested in the Czech capital might be Hitler's son. The authorities said they had not been informed of any arrest from which such a conclusion might be drawn. Reports from Nuremberg said the police in Bohemia had arrested a 12-year-old boy stated to bear a striking resemblance to the boy whose photograph was found with Hitler's marriage certificate and last testament.

FRIENDSHIP

Tokyo, Jan. 4. American troops attending the Protestant holiday services in Tokyo contributed total of 23,600 Yen (U.S.\$1,100) to the Nippon Union of the Theological Seminary as a "friendship fund." Associated Press.

Manila, Jan. 4. Two home runs by Frank McCormick, former Cincinnati first baseman, provided the margin of victory for the U.S.O. major leaguers in a 6 to 4 baseball game against the Manila Dodgers Thursday. Associated Press.

Bonaventure, N.Y., Jan. 4. Coach Hugh DeVore of Notre Dame is being considered for the head football coaching job at Bonaventure college. DeVore has conferred with college officials. Associated Press.

DIDN'T INTEREST HIM

Manila, Jan. 4. A Japanese witness named Takatsu to-day testified that Homma, his former chief, must have seen the "death march" order and must have known complete details about conditions in prisoner of war camps in the Philippines in 1942, when hundreds of Americans and Filipinos were dying in them.

He said General Homma had "a very thin interest" in the captives. Takatsu said Homma's headquarters at Balanga on Bataan was less than 500 yards from the death march route and he said Homma travelled down the highway 20 miles to his new headquarters at Lanza at the time the prisoners were marching northward, with many dying and being killed along the road. Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S LEAD

London, Jan. 4. Surveying the world's general outlook in a special article to-day, the newspaper the Publicist says of India: "For the British people before long, this prodigious problem may well loom above everything else. We will be confronted with a realm that splits the sub-continent to the base. The cohesive agency of British leadership is still the irreplaceable keystone of the arch. Without the wise power and progressive influence, India to-day would be incapable of unity, or of independence." Reuter.

SURPRISE PACKET

Hagerstown, Maryland, Jan. 4. A big wooden box with the top securely nailed down arrived here from Japan and the mother and daughter of the house worked half an hour with hammer and chisel to pry it open. All the box contained was a note from the U.S. customs office: "Removed one Japanese machine gun." Associated Press.

1946 Year Of
Opportunity

New York, Jan. 3. American business leaders predict that 1946 will be a year of tremendous opportunities for civilian production in many lines. But they tempered their optimism with recognition of the labour, reconversion and other problems confronting them as they entered the new year.

The head of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, after speaking of "the great market awaiting us," declared: "The immediate future is neither clear nor bright." He said: "Effective steps are not being taken on a national scale to meet the wave of strikes and unrest."

Other business leaders pointed to the great reservoir of consumer needs as a bright factor on the business horizon. Associated Press.

JAP GUARDS REMOVED

Tokyo, Jan. 4. General MacArthur's headquarters announced to-day that Japanese guards were removed from vessels repatriating Chinese labourers from Japan because the Chinese refused to obey their orders.

Headquarters said 30,393 out of 31,600 Chinese repatriates have been withdrawn from Japan. The announcement also said 593,000 Koreans have been moved to their homeland while 739,000 are still awaiting transportation. Associated Press.

GENERAL GASTON WONG

Canton, Jan. 4. General Gaston K. Wong, who was well known in the Colony before the war, has been appointed by the Central Government to be a Special Commissioner in Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Fukien for the investigation of puppet propaganda. The Commissioner is setting up his headquarters in Canton, which he hopes to have functioning early this month. The establishment of branch offices in Kwangsi and Fukien is under way. Our Own Correspondent.

HUSH-HUSH MISSION

Honolulu, Jan. 4. Maj-Gen. Chaire Chennault left Hickam field by air for the Orient after telling newsmen curtly that he is returning to China "as a private citizen." A cloak of secrecy was dropped around the mission of the former commander of air forces in China before he left the United States. There has been conjecture about his possible role in a Chinese air force training programme. Associated Press.

BESTIAL SADISM

Sydney, Jan. 4. Charges that Japanese authorities followed "a systematic policy of bestial sadism" toward Allied prisoners at the Tansui "hell camp" on the Dutch island of Amboina marked the opening of the mass trial of 93 Japanese officers from the camp. The prisoners were Australians except for 14 Americans captured in the Philippines and seven Dutch. Associated Press.

Brooklyn, Jan. 4. "Lippy" Leo Durocher, agreed yesterday to terms to manage the Brooklyn Dodgers National League baseball team for 1946. It will be his eighth season at the Dodger helm. Associated Press.

Tehran, Jan. 4. General Firooz, Minister of Transportation and Communications in Prime Minister Ahrarim Hakimi's Cabinet, yesterday announced that his resignation had been accepted by Hakimi. Associated Press.

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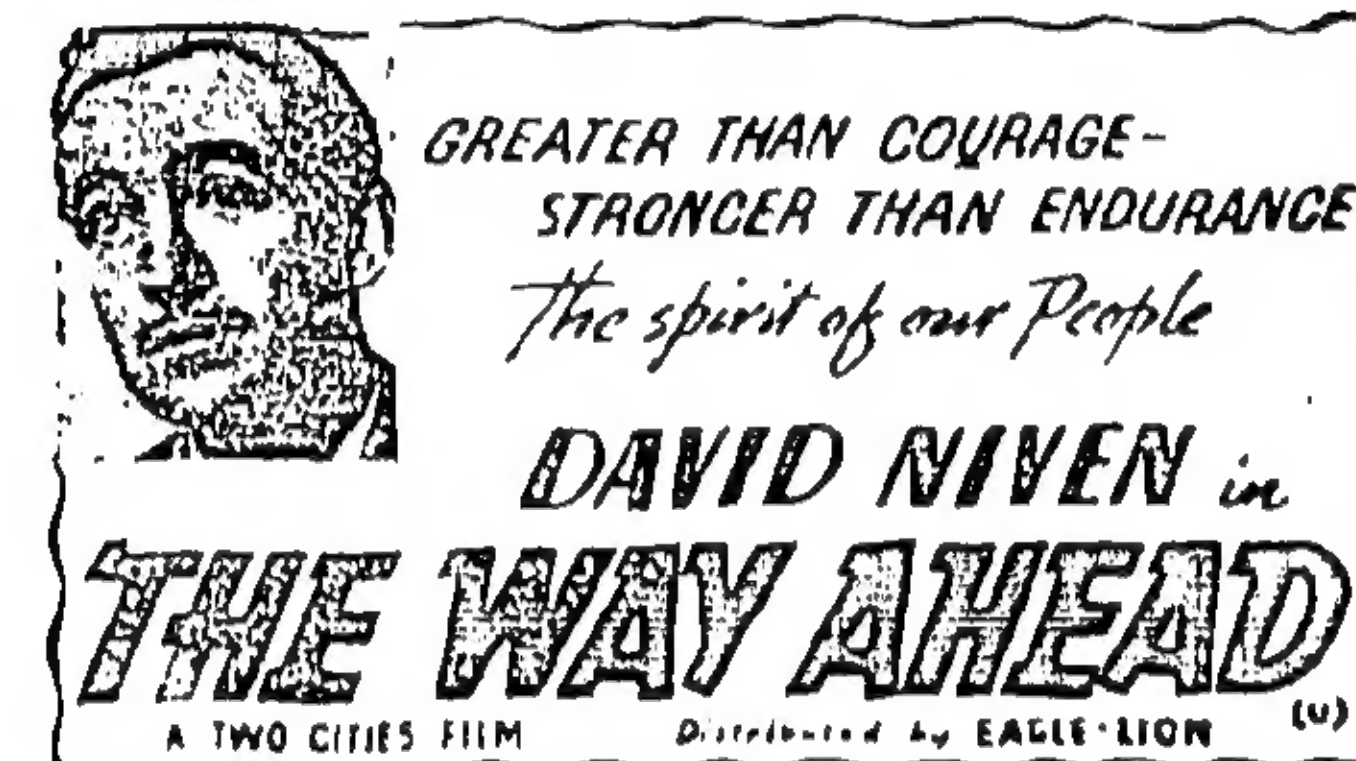
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NEW JAPANESE PURGE MacArthur Goes The Limit In New Order

Boycott Of Jewish Goods

Jerusalem, Jan. 4.—The Arab League boycott of Jewish goods spread officially to Palestine today when the Palestine Arab Higher Committee representing six major Arab parties confirmed and endorsed the boycott.

Friday's newspapers are preparing to fight against Arab purchases of merchandise from factories or workshops of Palestinian Jews, it was learned here.

Meanwhile, the Hebrew press commented sharply on a statement by J. V. Sauer, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, that no special government action had been taken in connection with the threatened boycott, though preliminary measures of the need for possible counteractive measures had been made.

The newspaper "Haber" declared the government's silence on the boycott encouraged agitators, "creating the impression that Palestine Jews are without government protection."

The Arab Communist newspaper "Al Ittihad" in Haifa expressed in an editorial hope that "the boycott will destroy Zionism and subsequently imperialism economically and politically."

Magic Carpet Going

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Navy Department plans to start withdrawing combat ships this month from troop carriers in the Pacific. An officer said a bill has been passed for a full number of warships to be made available for emergency and transport duty.

Within two months 103 of 353 ships in the Navy's "magic carpet" will be withdrawn. That name was given to transport operations. Withdrawn will be six battle ships, 18 cruisers, 45 escort carriers, 28 cargo ships and six other vessels.

The Navy said the ships continuing operation are sufficient to meet transport schedules. Associated Press.

Just A Slip Of The Tongue Maybe

WASHINGTON, JAN. 4.—OFFICIAL INFORMANTS EX PLAINED TODAY THAT THE WORLD "TRUSTEE SHIP" WAS "UNFORTUNATE" IN RELATION TO THE PLANS FOR KOREA BECAUSE IT DOES NOT ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE SPECIAL SET-UP WHICH AMERICAN OFFICIALS ENVISAGE FOR THE NATION WHICH WAS LIBERATED FROM JAPAN.

They said that in any such plan American officials would seek to provide for "the greatest possible freedom" for Koreans to decide their own affairs without outside interference.

Diplomats said that in the event that any set number of years was agreed upon as the maximum time believed necessary for Koreans to achieve the fullest self-government, they would favour a provision whereby this time limit would be reduced if the Koreans demonstrated themselves capable of handling the government without aid.

It is believed likely that one of the questions the Russian and American commanders in Korea will discuss soon will be an agreement providing for joint withdrawal of United States and Soviet troops from Korea. The first such meeting is scheduled in about 10 days, when Russian and American commanders meet to coordinate the economic and administrative problems affecting their two zones.

Associated Press.

ILLEGAL ENTRY
Manila, Jan. 4.—Isagani San Augustin, Zamboanga immigration officer said yesterday that there has been considerable movement of Chinese illegally into the Philippines from Sandakan and Borneo.

Immigration authorities have arranged with the Chinese Consul for the deportation of six Chinese taken in custody recently for entering the islands illegally. Associated Press.

CHEAPER PRESS RATES

Washington, Jan. 4.—Forthcoming reductions in press telegram rates between the United States and points in the British Empire will result in an increased flow of news to and from the United States, Federal Communications Chairman Paul Porter predicted today. The reductions are effective April 1. Associated Press.

Black Dragon To Go

TOKYO, JAN. 4.—GENERAL MACARTHUR TO-DAY ORDERED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO CLEAN ITS POLITICAL HOUSE AND PURGE FROM PUBLIC OFFICE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE THOSE PERSONS, WHETHER SMALL FRY OR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO LED JAPAN INTO THE WAR.

TWO FAR-REACHING DIRECTIVES WHICH WILL PICK UP WHERE THE WAR CRIMINALS LEAVE OFF HE ORDERED THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT TO ABOLISH ALL ULTRA-NATIONALISTIC, TERRORIST AND MILITARIST GROUPS OR SOCIETIES AND REMOVE FROM PUBLIC OFFICE AND INFLUENCE THOSE PERSONS WHO DECEIVED AND MISLED THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN INTO EMBARKING ON WORLD CONQUEST.

These directives, which were the first that MacArthur issued after the New Year, went further than any which preceded them in carrying out the terms of the Potsdam declaration which demanded as price for peace that Japan free itself of "irresponsible militarism."

The first directive seeks to free Japan's new struggling political parties as well as the government itself from the influence of "military and feudal elements and release government officials from fear of attack by secret terrorist societies."

Twenty-seven societies, most of them influential politically, were ordered to be abolished. They included the great Japan Renovation Society, the Greater East Asia Association, Kikuyoku or Black Dragon Society, Genyosha or Dark Ocean Society, the East Asia League and the All Japan's Young Men's Club.

NOT SUFFICIENT

It went further in that it prohibited formation of any political party, association or society which might seek to resist or oppose the occupation forces, support or justify aggressive Japanese military or quasi-military training or advocate assassination or other terrorist programmes.

AND GOVERNORS

Not only will responsible persons be removed from office but any person who comes within the provisions will be disqualified as a candidate for any elective position in the Imperial Diet or as a Prefectural Government or Mayor of a city.

Those ordered to be removed or excluded from government service include all who have been active exponents of militaristic nationalism and aggression, influential members of any Japanese ultra-nationalistic or secret patriotic society or influential in activities of the Imperial rule or assistance associations.

Under these provisions come all war criminals, members of the Field-Marshal's Supreme Military Council, Imperial General Headquarters and other military.

Officers of financial and development organisations involved in Japanese expansions—20 specific companies were named, including the South Manchurian Railway Company, Manchuria Development Company, North China Development Company, Central China Development Co. and the Korean Trust Co.—were included in the list along with Governors of occupied territories such as Korea, Formosa, Kwantung, South Seas, The Netherlands East Indies, Malaya, French Indo-China, Burma, China and Manchukuo. Associated Press.

Stranded Mothers Ask State Grant

LONDON, JAN. 4.—THE HOME SECRETARY IS CONSIDERING THE PLIGHT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF WARTIME UNMARRIED MOTHERS NOW LEFT WITHOUT ANY HOPE OF GETTING THE MAINTENANCE MONEY ORDERED BY THE COURTS TO BE PAID TO THEM BY THE FATHERS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF OVERSEAS FORCES AND HAVE NOW GONE HOME.

The general practice, while the men were in Britain, was that for the amounts of the orders of the payments being made by and remitted to the clerks of the courts.

But a man cannot be touched, for debts under affiliation orders once he returns to his own country and is demobilised.

In consequence, mothers and children thus affected are left stranded.

During the war years the rate of illegitimate births grew steadily. Before the war the average number of such births varied between 15,000 and 20,000. Last year the figure was 32,000.

A proposal has been made that in deserving cases, when there is no reasonable chance of the payments being made by fathers, a grant equivalent to the amount of the court orders should be paid the mothers by the State.

NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE
"We should like to see a revised form of birth certificate, the granting without distinction, of maternity benefit to unmarried mothers, and a vast increase in the accommodation available in the country for unmarried mothers and their children," commented an official of the Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child.

Liquidated 90,000 Slavs

Munich, Jan. 4.—A former aide to the Gestapo Chief, Heinrich Himmler, told the War Crimes Tribunal today that special Commandos were attached to the German army on the eastern front with orders to kill every Jew and Soviet political commissar in the occupied Russian regions.

Major General of Police Otto Ohlendorf testified that the German army high command had full knowledge of the Commando order. Ohlendorf said his own group operating with the German 11th Army in the Ukraine had liquidated 90,000 persons in the first year of the war with Russia. He said Himmler personally gave liquidation orders to leaders of special S.S. groups, and some reported that they surpassed 90,000 "liquidations." Associated Press.

Fattest Japs Going Home

Wellington, Jan. 4.—About 800 Japanese POWs will leave Wellington tomorrow for Japan on board two American tank landing-craft.

U.S. officers describe them as the fattest and slickest Japanese they have encountered in the Pacific. This was largely the result of New Zealand's strict adherence to the terms of the Geneva Convention for the treatment of POWs.

The Japanese have sent a letter of appreciation on their treatment to the New Zealand Government and the Red Cross, saying they were "going back to Japan as ambassadors for New Zealand."

During their 3-year stay in New Zealand many prisoners have become Christians and declare they will take this faith back to their people.

SILVER MINE STRIKE

Mexico City, Jan. 4.—The country's strike in the Den Silver Mines faced government intervention today, as the Labour Department said it would act to settle the dispute.

The strike involves 30,000 miners and 28 mines smelters. The workers were asking 40 per cent wage increase. Associated Press.

Ceylon War Against Twin Threat

COLOMBO, JAN. 4.—THE AUTHORITIES ARE RIGHTING THE TWIN THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF CEYLON, WHICH APPEARED TOWARDS THE CLOSE OF NOVEMBER LAST—MALARIA AT SCATTERED POINTS OF THE ISLAND AND SMALL-POX MAINLY IN THE TIGHTLY PACKED SLUM AREA OF COLOMBO.

The Minister of Health, Dr. George de Silva, is in constant touch with the Corps of Medical Officers working at high pressure to quell the malaria which they hope to bring under control before the end of this month.

The drug D.D.T. is being employed to reinforce other measures. A few days ago it was reported that an extra quota of 25 tons of D.D.T. has been allowed for Ceylon by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Health Minister also took the opportunity to have talks with Mr. M. Klaber, malaria expert of Basle, Switzerland, who has been in the island and had visited the affected areas.

In spite of these determined efforts, malaria has so far shown no signs of being conquered. One reason that has been advanced for the spread of malaria is that the general resistance of the people to the disease has deteriorated because of the lack of adequate food during the war years.

More than 100 cases of small-pox, some fatal, have so far been reported. The appearance of small-pox, which is considered to be due to import contacts has raised many questions relating to quarantine, which is rendered more complex by air travel.

According to the Ceylon Health Authorities, small-pox cases are invariably traceable to passengers from India. The yellow fever menace has also increased owing to increased air travel. The Colombo Municipal Council has made drastic proposals for tightening up the quarantine regulations both for small-pox and yellow fever.

A stricter surveillance on passengers from India is being devised while all aircraft which

Security

Miami, Florida, Jan. 4.—Senator Claude Pepper returned today from a European tour and said there was no suffering in Russia as an aftermath of the German invasion. He declared the fundamental principle of Soviet foreign policy is "an almost fantastic" demand for security.

He said Josef Stalin asked about the possibility of a big loan from the United States, which Russia would repay in full. Associated Press.

Push-Button War Out

WASHINGTON, JAN. 4.—MAJOR GENERAL LESLIE GROVES, THE ARMY'S ATOMIC BOMB CHIEF, SAYS: "ANY ATOMIC WAR OF THE FUTURE WILL NOT BE A PUSH-BUTTON WAR."

Groves told a conference on atomic energy at Georgetown University, sponsored by the Army Industrial College and the American Military Institute. "It (any next war) might start as a push-button war, but what it takes to win a war is the will to win and the will to overcome the losses we might suffer by some of our industrial potential being overcome."

While Groves described the atom bomb as the "best" of all weapons he declared: "It cannot win a war without assistance" and that coordination of air, ground and naval forces is needed.

Describing the difficulties in producing the atomic bomb, Groves said: "It is important to counteract the impression that it will be only a few months before a bomb is dropped on Washington (by some other country)."

"I read stories," he said, "that various nations have the atom bomb right around the corner. But I can say that the people in this room need have no fear of such a thing. It will be a problem to be solved by my children and my grandchildren, and I'm not worrying about it very much." Associated Press.

COMMERCIAL JEEP

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 4.—President Charles Sorenson of Willy's Motor Company, which makes Jeeps, announced that his concern has "designed, engineered and developed thoroughly proved a completely new low-cost small passenger car, embodying features and basic improvements never before offered in cars of this class." Associated Press.

EXPLANATION OF EXPLOSION

IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS TO-DAY, WITH REGARD TO THE EXPLOSION WHICH ROCKED KOWLOON ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, A STAFF OFFICER OF H.Q. LAND FORCES GAVE FULL DETAILS OF THE EVENTS WHICH PRECEDED THE EXPLOSION.

During the first month of the re-occupation of Hong Kong by British forces, a very large quantity of ammunition and explosives, which had been hidden in deep tunnels by the Japanese, was removed, and in those cases where it was in a dangerous condition dumped into the sea.

One area from which vast stocks of explosives were removed was the vicinity of Argyle Street and Kadoorie Avenue, where Wednesday's explosion occurred.

For various reasons, however, it was not possible to take away all the stocks of explosives. A regular check was therefore kept of all dumps, so that it would be at once known if they were either being stolen or deteriorating in quality and thus becoming dangerous.

Several days before the explosion, it was discovered that attempts were in fact being made to steal some of the explosives there, and to prevent this a civil police guard was put on the entrance to the tunnel. Furthermore, as it was decided that the explosives were now dangerous, construction was started of a brick wall which would have formed the core of a complete seal to the tunnel. This would not only have prevented all thefts, but would also have been an effective blanket to any explosion.

SECOND TUNNEL

Despite the police guard, however, on the night before the explosion, bandits again got into the tunnel, broke down a part of the nearly-completed wall, in effecting their entrance, and it is assumed got away with more explosives.

It was therefore decided on Wednesday morning, that as the explosives had further deteriorated the whole tunnel should be cleared and its contents dumped into the sea. This action was carried out, and then at the inner end of the tunnel was found yet another tunnel, at right angles to the first one. This second tunnel was not shown on any of the Japanese maps which the British had been using in clearing dumps, and it was found to be full of explosives and ammunition, all in an advanced state of deterioration, and all therefore highly dangerous.

The order was given to clear this second tunnel at once, but owing to the poisonous fumes emanating from the dump in it, as well as the danger from frequent falls in the roof, which threatened to bury the workmen, it was decided to seal it instead. Work was started, but before it was finished the explosives blew up on Wednesday night, shortly after the workmen had stopped work for the day.

It is impossible to know what caused the dump to blow up. It is possible that bandits were again trying to remove some of the explosives, but it is pointed out that when certain types of explosives are old they start to "sweat". This "sweating" is actually pure nitro-

glycerine oozing out from the decaying explosive. When this occurs the slightest shock, such as a loose stone falling, will cause the explosive to detonate, and it is thought likely that this was the case in the Argyle Street tunnel.

New Salary Scales

Canton, Jan. 4.—A change which is unanimously welcomed is the new scale of salary for government institutions. Provincial and municipal officials are getting \$7,000 basic payments plus 90 times their salary and a rice subsidy of \$10,000 a month. From January the rice subsidy will be cancelled but the basic payment will be increased to \$28,000, while the salary will be 90 times instead of 80.

Increase in prices of commodities and fees charged for public utilities have been decided and announced. Bus fare will be raised from \$40 to \$50. Chinese daily newspapers previously selling for \$40 a copy will sell for \$50. Telephone charges will be doubled. —Our Own Correspondent.

5TH CORPS RELIEVED

Kyoto, Jan. 4.—The 6th Army announced today that the 5th Amphibious Corps whose Marine-Army troops fought across the Pacific from Tarawa to Iwojima, has been relieved of its occupation command on Kyushu and Southern Honshu as part of the redeployment programme.

Officers and men of the crack combat organisation are embarking for Camp Pendleton, California, where the Corps will be formally disbanded.

Marine Major-General Harry Schmidt has relinquished control of his zone to Major-General R. B. Woodruff, of the Army I-Corps. Associated Press.

DUMP WINDFALL

Minneapolis, Jan. 4.—William Roch, 13, is \$200 richer because he liked to throw stones at bottles in the city dump grounds.

Six months ago one of the stones broke a bottle and out fluttered \$260 in currency which William turned over to police.

When the time limit expired in which the owner could have claimed the cash the police turned the money over to the boy. Associated Press.

RADIO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1946.
SPECIAL RELAY FROM N.S.A. STARTS 7.30 p.m.—"PLATEAU STATE".
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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—The Hill Billies.
12.45 p.m.—"Moldy Lingers On"—ENSA.
1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—"Hubert"—Quintet in A Major, Op. 114 ("Trotti").
2.00 p.m.—Clubs Down.
2.30 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music.
3.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
3.15 p.m.—"The Eye"—The Singing Sailor—ENSA.
3.30 p.m.—Variety with "Gert & Daisy" Norman Long, Flanagan & Allen & others.
3.45 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony Orchestra.
3.55 p.m.—"The Eye"—"Zigzag"—Irma "Bliss Sweet".
4.30 p.m.—Relay from ENSA Star Theatre, K. W. O., of Act II—Scenes I & II of "Bliss Sweet," with J. H. Gielgud & London O'Connell Company.
4.55 p.m.—"The Eye"—"Let's Say Goodbye".
5.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
5.05 p.m.—"Musical Time"—N.S.A.
5.35 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra with Mavis Banwell (Soprano).
5.55 p.m.—"Glovia"—Grand Studies, Op. 10.
6.00 p.m.—"A Concert by Gielgud (Tenor), Cassals (Viollo) and Gieseking (Piano)."
6.10 p.m.—Clubs Down. ENSA are recorded specially for Service Entertainment by the Department of National Service Entertainment.

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